

Analysis

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Conversation with Secretary Brown on
North Korean Military Strength

1. I talked to Harold Brown on 4 June about the Army revised evaluation of North Korean military strength. I told him that I had reservations about the methodology; more than that, I was very anxious that word of this revised estimate not leak out prematurely and until we are ready to either defend or deny it.

2. The Secretary indicated he was not thoroughly familiar with it but did have some problems with the fact that it was a new methodology. He agreed with me on the importance of looking into it carefully and keeping it quiet while we were doing it. He said that he would ask DIA to validate the approach.

3. I told him that I was similarly asking our people to conduct an evaluation and validation.

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